

Prop (Clairaut's Theorem): if  $f(x, y)$  has cts mixed second order partial derivatives on an open disk, then  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$  on the disk

Notation:  $f_x = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$      $f_y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$

$f_{xx} = (f_x)_x = \frac{\partial^2 f}{(\partial x)^2}$

$f_{xy} = (f_x)_y = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [f] \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$

↑  
professor prefer this notation in the proof

Pf: Let  $f$  have cts second-order mixed partials on an open disk  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  and suppose  $(a, b) \in D$

Consider  $\Delta(h) = (f(a+h, b+h) - f(a+h, b)) - (f(a, b+h) - f(a, b))$

Define  $\alpha(x) = f(x, b+h) - f(x, b)$  and

notice  $\alpha(a+h) - \alpha(a) = f(a+h, b+h) - f(a+h, b) - (f(a, b+h) - f(a, b))$

$h = (a+h) - a$   
 $[a, a+h] \quad \quad \quad = \Delta(h)$

for all  $h \neq 0$  where  $(a+h, b)$   
 $(a+h, b+h) (a, b+h) \in D$

By mean value theorem, for ~~every~~ every given  $h$

Come  
from  
MVT

There is  $c_h$  with  $|a - c_h| \leq |h|$  so that

$$\rightarrow h \alpha'(c_h) = \alpha(a+h) - \alpha(a) = h(f_x(c_h, b+h) - f_x(c_h, b))$$

$$\therefore \Delta(h) = \alpha(a+h) - \alpha(a) = h(f_x(c_h, b+h) - f_x(c_h, b)) \quad *$$

Next apply MVT to  $\beta(y) = f_x(c_h, y)$  to obtain  
a  $d_h$  with  $|b - d_h| \leq |h|$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} h \beta'(d_h) &= \beta(b+h) - \beta(b) \\ &= f_x(c_h, b+h) - f_x(c_h, b) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  substituting into  $*$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(h) &= h(f_x(c_h, b+h) - f_x(c_h, b)) \\ &= ~~h~~ h(h \beta'(d_h)) \\ &= h^2 f_{xy}(c_h, d_h) \\ &= h^2 f_{yx}(c_h, d_h) \end{aligned}$$

We may ~~now~~ repeat the argument to obtain  $(\gamma_h, \delta_h)$   
for all  $h$  such that

$$|a - \gamma_h| \leq |h|$$

$$|b - \delta_h| \leq |h|$$

$$\text{and } \Delta(h) = h^2 f_{yx}(\gamma_h, \delta_h)$$

Notice = by construction that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (c_h, d_h) = (a, b)$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\gamma_h, \delta_h)$$

Finally we have

$$f_{xy}(a,b) = f_{xy}(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (ch, dh))$$

continuity.  $\xrightarrow{\quad}$   $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f_{xy}(ch, dh)$

computed the equality  $\xrightarrow{\quad}$   $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta h}{h^2}$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f_{yx}(\gamma_h, \delta_h)$$

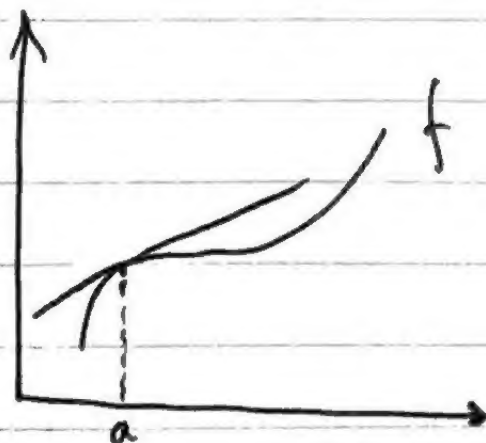
continuity  $\xrightarrow{\quad}$   $f_{yx}(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\gamma_h, \delta_h))$

$$= f_{yx}(a,b)$$

hence, we've proved the result

## § 14.2 • Linear Approximation of Multivariable Functions

Idea: In  $\mathcal{C}^1$  Calculus I, near a point on  $\text{graph}(f)$ ,  $f$  is "approximated well" by the tangent line



as  $x \rightarrow a$ , the error approximating  $f$  by  $f$ 's tangent line going to 0.

In cal III, we approximate  $\text{graph}(f)$  near a point by tangent (hyper) plane ~~at~~

In 2-variable  
we got a tangent plane

↳ Ignore unless we had more than 2 variables

In cal I, the tangent line has formula  
 $y - f(a) = f'(a)(x - a)$

For a function  $f(x, y)$  to approximate  $f$  near  $(a, b)$  we got formula:

$$z - f(a, b) = f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$$

hence, the linear approximation to  $f$  at  $(a, b)$  is  
 $z = f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b) + f(a, b)$

Ex: Find an equation of the tangent plane to  $f(x, y) = x^2 + xy - y^2$  at  $(1, 2)$

Sol: Using the formula  $z = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$

$$f_x = 2x + y \quad f_x(1, 2) = 2 \cdot 1 + 2 = 4$$

$$f_y = x - 2y \quad f_y(1, 2) = 1 - 2 \cdot 2 = -3$$

$$f(1, 2) = 1^2 + 1 \cdot 2 - 2^2 = -1$$

hence the tangent plane is  $z = -1 + 4(x - 1) - 3(y - 2)$   
 $= 4x - 3y + 2$

Ex: Compute the tangent plane to  
 $f(x, y) = \ln(x-2y)$  at  $(3, 1, 0)$

Sol: we need to compute the tangent plane

$$z = f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x-a) + f_y(a, b)(y-b)$$

$$f(a, b) = 0$$

$$f_x = \frac{1}{x-2y} \quad f_x(3, 1) = \frac{1}{3-2} = 1$$

$$f_y = \frac{-2}{x-2y} \quad f_y(3, 1) = \frac{-2}{3-2} = -2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The tangent plane is } z &= 0 + 1(x-3) - 2(y-1) \\ &= x-2y-5 \end{aligned}$$

Definition: Let  $f$  be a function of variables  
 $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$  the total differential of  $f$   
is  $df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} dx_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} dx_n$

Symbols representing change in corresponding  
variables ...

Ex compute the total differential of  $f(x, y, z) = e^x y^2 (z-5)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol: } f_x(x, y, z) &= e^x y^2 (z-5)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ f_y(x, y, z) &= 2e^x y (z-5)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ f_z(x, y, z) &= \frac{1}{2} e^x y^2 (z-5)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\therefore df = f_x dx + f_y dy + f_z dz$$

$$= e^x y^2 (z-5)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx + 2e^x y (z-5)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dy + \frac{1}{2} e^x y^2 (z-5)^{-\frac{3}{2}} dz$$

Ex: Estimate  $\Delta f$  from  $(1, 1, 6)$  to  $(1.5, 1.5, 5.5)$

Sol:  $\Delta f \approx df$  where  $dx_i \approx \Delta x_i$

~~at~~

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \Delta f &\approx f_x(1, 1, 6) \Delta x + f_y(1, 1, 6) \Delta y + f_z(1, 1, 6) \Delta z \\ &= e(1.5-1) + 2e(1.5-1) + \frac{1}{2}e(5.5-6) \\ &= e\left(\frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right) = e \cdot \frac{5}{4} \end{aligned}$$